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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-16-24
September 19, 2016****LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE****PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a General Permit as described in this notice and to hold a public hearing on the issuance of this permit. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

PERMIT CATEGORY: General Permit; Storm Water Discharge Associated with Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)

GEOGRAPHIC REGION: Statewide (except within the boundaries of Indian Reservations)

FACILITIES: Owners/Operators of Small MS4s

RECEIVING WATER: Statewide

PERMIT NUMBER: MTR040000

The renewal of this General Permit for Storm Water Discharge Associated with Small MS4s will continue to provide statewide general permit coverage for owner/operators of Small MS4s that discharge storm water to state surface waters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS October 21, 2016.** Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS October 21st, 2016** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov.

A public hearing will be held on the draft discharge permit, the fact sheet, and the environmental assessment at 1:00 P.M. on October 21, 2016, in Room 111 of the Lee Metcalf Building located at 1520 E. 6th Avenue in Helena, Montana.

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government. Persons needing an accommodation must notify Jenna Stamper no later than **October 3, 2016**, to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You can call Jenna at 444-3080 or write to her at the address noted to make your request known.

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